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INDEPENDENCE POLICE OFFICER INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTING TO DISTRIBUTE STEROIDS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Independence, Mo., police officer was indicted today for attempting to sell anabolic steroids to a fellow police officer.

Timothy M. Kamer, 29, of Independence, Mo., was charged with attempting to distribute anabolic steroids, a Schedule III controlled substance, in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Kansas City today. **Kamer** is a police officer employed by the Independence, Mo., Police Department.

Today's federal indictment, Graves said, replaces a criminal complaint filed against **Kamer** on September 5, 2002.

Kamer allegedly approached a fellow officer in the Independence, Mo., Police Department last February, Graves said, and offered to sell him anabolic steroids to enhance the officer's bodybuilding.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the original criminal complaint, **Kamer** agreed to obtain steroids from a source in St. Louis for \$450. Although **Kamer** allegedly accepted the \$450 payment, Graves said, he later told the officer that he was unable to obtain the steroids from his source.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and is not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark A. Miller. It was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force.

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